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AN APPEAL FOR FAIRNESS

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"Mr. President, we shall persist"

As Americans, and as representatives of the National Citizens' Committee for Fairness to the Presidency, we were honored to meet with the President of the United States, on Wednesday, December 19, 1973.

We joined him in the awareness of the awesome responsibilities which fall upon the office of the Presidency; the health and survival of our nation; the life or death of freedom in the world; and the threats to our institutions being fanned by sinister forces.

We are deeply concerned that these institutions remain viable and strong—a concern shared by millions of our fellow Americans.

It is our firm conviction that the authors of our Constitution acted with wisdom and foresight when they established the Presidency as one of three coordinate branches of government. The best

minds and the most patriotic hearts of their day emerged from the Constitutional Convention with a firm conviction that the nation would be best protected, and freedom most preserved, by our constitutional system.

We are alarmed that a few vindictive men, possessed of neither the best minds nor the most patriotic spirit, have set themselves against this American system. We are not persuaded that the self-seeking politicians who have instituted a vendetta against the Presidency are acting out of high motives. Quite to the contrary, it is evident to all thinking Americans that those who now savage the Presidency actually seek political gain, and the fulfillment of political policies which an American majority rejected at the last election.

A small willful consortium, spearheaded by powerful men in the news media and joined by scheming politicians, has dedicated itself to reversing the landslide mandate which the American voters gave to President Nixon in November 1972.

What these men could not win in an election, they now contrive to steal from the American people by destroying an American President.

With the Presidency shattered, they can move in and gather up the pieces for their own gain, for their own domain. This elite has no conscience for the consequences of its action. It masticates our spirit at home and ravages our image abroad. It is prepared to inflict any price on its country, shackling its fellow citizens to mob psychology so long as its own power and its own political agenda prevails.

THIS POSES THE MOST SERIOUS THREAT TO OUR REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT. IF THE NEWS MEDIA SUCCEED IN EJECTING A PRESIDENT FROM OFFICE, NO FUTURE PRESIDENT WILL DARE TO ACT WITHOUT THE EXPRESS APPROVAL OF THIS COMMUNICATIONS ELITE.

We therefore pledge our loyalty, our fidelity and our resources to uphold the Constitution and defend the institution of the Presidency. We are similarly pledged to the President of the United States, Richard Nixon, who led our nation from confrontation to detente and from war to peace. (Is it not ironic that the man who gave us peace is being denied peace?) The future of our country resides in the office of the Presidency; the peace and security of the world depend on its capacity to fulfill its role without debilitating harassment by men of small vision, or no vision at all.

We met with our President to express this concern and receive his grateful acknowledgment of our endeavors. The National Citizens' Committee for Fairness to the Presidency urges every American to join in this effort to preserve the system of government which has served us all so well. **The question at issue is no less than the institution of the Presidency itself**—the office upon which our national survival in a troubled world ultimately depends.

In the spirit of the season we urge each American to seek the light from within, that light by which he finds his responsibility to his God and his country, his debt to freedom, his search for peace.

JOIN A LYNCH MOB?

*(From an editorial in the
Cordell Beacon, Cordell
Oklahoma, Nov. 15, 1973)*

On a recent Gunsmoke TV program, a small group of men whipped up the anger of the town's citizens into a lynch mob. Most of those citizens were good people who could not, normally, violate the law in any manner—let alone kill another human.

That is the history of lynch mobs throughout history.

Most of the people involved in nearly all lynchings have been good people, who were swayed by persons with an ax to grind.

The current national hysteria over Watergate is a perfect example.

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Millions of good citizens throughout the nation have been brainwashed by the TV commentators and news writers into thinking President Nixon is GUILTY of some crime. They are using Hitler's successful strategy: "Tell a lie often enough and the people will believe it."

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Just because you heard something on TV or read it in the newspaper does not make it the truth.

A small group of radicals and radical-liberals have whipped up a nationwide hysteria to the point that good citizens favor impeaching the president even before it has been proved that he has actually violated any law.

The radicals and radical-liberals are trying to steal the White House